INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING

The NCAC 03/05/96 requires that a public meeting be conducted at the beginning of the update process. During the meeting, the local government must discuss the statements of local policy found in the current Land Use Plan and the effect of those policies on the community. In addition, the local government explains the process by which it will solicit the views of a wide cross-section of citizens in the development of updated policy statements. A day-long, joint workshop, called VISION 2010, was held on November 7, 1996 by the Board of Commissioners and Planning Board to fulfill this requirement and accomplish these goals.

DESIGNATION OF PRINCIPAL LOCAL BOARD

The Town Planning Board is hereby designated as the principal local board responsible for supervision of the $\underline{1997}$ Update.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION STRATEGIES; SCHEDULE

Citizen participation in the planning process promotes public education regarding land use issues, policy development, and regulatory procedures. The Town will proceed from this premise, thereby furthering public education on planning issues while obtaining citizen input in developing Land Use Plan policy statements and allowing for continued public participation in the planning process. To ensure that all economic, social, ethnic, and cultural view points are properly considered

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